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**Remarks**

Claims 2-9 are pending in this application. Claims 3, 6, and 8 are allowed. Claims 2, 4, 5, 7, and 9 stand rejected. The following remarks are addressed to the referenced paragraphs of the Final Office Action dated November 29, 2004.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 3, 6, and 8.

**Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 2, 4, 5, 7, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Billman et al. (US 5,443,394). Claim 2, 4, and 5 are canceled herein. Claims 7 and 9 are amended to depend from allowed claim 3. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully contend that they are allowable for the reasons that claims 3 is allowed.

**Conclusion**

For all of the foregoing reasons, and in view of the amendments herein, Applicants respectfully contend that claims 3 and 6-9 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments contained herein, allowance of claims 3, and 6-9 and issuance of letters patent for the present invention.

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